

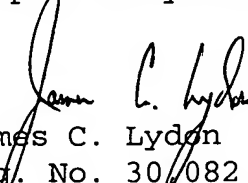
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends claims 1 and 3-6, adds new claim 7, and presents a substitute abstract. The changes to claims 1 and 3-6 eliminate drawing reference numerals, and otherwise conform the claims more closely with U.S. practice. New claim 7 is taken from claim 1. The new abstract is based on the original PCT abstract. Claims 1-7 are pending.

A Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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Substitute Abstract
Recordation Form Cover Sheet
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